

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2010

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY TO SUPPORT THE RECOVERY OF HAITIAN EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS FINANCIALLY AND MATERIALLY.

Sponsored By: Council Member David Tandy

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2010, the nation of Haiti was struck by an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter Scale, the most catastrophic earthquake to strike the island of Hispaniola since the 18th century; and

WHEREAS, the capital city of Port-au-Prince, with one million inhabitants suffered total destruction of almost all of its government and commercial buildings and residences; and most devastatingly, according to the Haitian consulate in New York City, over 100,000 of its citizens and residents were lost in the earthquake, and countless others are still dying from injuries and suffering, lack of food, water, shelter, utility power, medicine, and medical care; and

WHEREAS, many relief efforts have been and continue to be forthcoming to the nation of Haiti and its people from American and International relief agencies and charities, the need for food, water, and medical care is so overwhelmingly great that all current efforts being expended by, among others: the United States Army, Marines and Air Force; the United Nations Stabilization Mission; Doctors Without Borders; the Salvation Army; and the International Red Cross are woefully inadequate to alleviate the physical and psychological pain, suffering, grief, and general malaise that besets the survivors of this unprecedented massive natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, in light of the extreme nature of the Haitian earthquake devastation, by contrast, the luxurious lifestyles of our fellow citizens and residents of Jefferson County Kentucky stand in sharp relief to the excruciating, abject poverty and devastation of our fellow

human beings in Haiti; and, we are accordingly implored to be generous with our gifts to alleviate and address the needs of our neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: That the people of Jefferson County, Kentucky join the Metro Council in extending best wishes for a speedy recovery to the people of Haiti, as well as to their friends and family across the globe.

SECTION II: That the citizens and residents of the metro join the Metro Council in sending whatever they can afford, individually and collectively, in financial and material aid through existing charitable organizations to help the relief efforts currently in effect , which on good information will be needed for an indefinite amount of time into the future.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Thomas L. Owen
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

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